

Americans. The Athenian Federation of U.S.A. and Canada makes a remarkable effort to keep the spirit of freedom alive with their annual Archieratical Tedeum. I am proud to have such a strong Greek community in my district and an organization such as the Athenians Federation of U.S.A. and Canada to promote issues of importance to this wonderful community.

THE PLIGHT OF THE MONTAGNARDS

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the Congress to the Montagnard refugees from the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

The Montagnards were loyal allies of American Special Forces and served bravely with our U.S. military troops during the Vietnam War. Montagnards have suffered terribly in Vietnam for their religious and political beliefs at the hands of the Vietnamese Communists and they continue to suffer. I strongly support human rights and strongly oppose persecution throughout the world; values at the heart of our faiths and our American democracy.

Since 1986, my state of North Carolina has been privileged to receive several hundred Montagnard refugees from the Central Highlands of Vietnam. There are over one thousand Montagnards who now live in Greensboro, Raleigh, and Charlotte, thanks to the hard work and compassion of people of faith and human rights activists such as Lutheran Family Services of North Carolina. The Department of State has called the resettlement of this new immigrant community one of the most successful resettlement programs in the United States.

The Montagnards have become U.S. citizens, they enrich our nation, they are productive, proud people who love freedom and the chance for survival that this nation has offered them. The Montagnards stood by our nation and now we should do all we can to insure that their family members are allowed to emigrate from Vietnam.

I am encouraged by the emphasis Ambassador "Pete" Peterson, himself a former Vietnam Prisoner of War and Member of Congress, has promised to place on the plight of the Montagnards. Our nation must strengthen its efforts in gaining measurable Vietnamese cooperation in processing applications for emigration under the Orderly Departure Program (ODP) and the Resettlement Opportunity for Vietnamese Returnees agreement (ROVR). We should expect and demand progress on all of the Montagnard cases. These families have waited too long to be reunited with loved ones.

IN HONOR OF MORT MEYERS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mort Meyers, as he will soon be receiving

the Humanitarian of the Year award from the David Posnack Jewish Community Center in Davie, Florida. Mort's record of public service on behalf of the people of South Florida is truly impressive and deserving of this formal recognition.

Born in Detroit, Mort moved to Florida after his brother Dennis took up residence in Miramar. After a series of sales jobs, Mort bought a coffee shop on Hollywood's City Hall Circle, where he and his wife Ethyl spoiled their customers rotten. Even Mort's mother Gussie became involved, making her signature cakes and pastries that are now known as "Gussie's Goodies."

Times change, and so did the Meyers family. Mort and his brother Dennis joined their father in a surplus electronics and hardware venture. After some rough times early on, the family ultimately achieved a great deal of success. Today, Mort is involved with the family business—Arco Distributors in Davie, Florida—selling industrial adhesives, electronic components, and point of sale equipment. However, Mort's devotion to his business is only part of his story.

Over the past 29 years since Mort Meyers arrived in Florida, the community has benefited greatly due to Mort's presence. A Founding Member of the Davie Coalition of Condos and Homeowners Associations, he has served on the Davie Economic Development Council, the Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee, the Davie Budget Committee, and the Davie Visions 2000 Committee. In addition, Mort was Vice President of the Davie Democratic Club and chairman of the South Broward Park District. Mort also served with distinction on the Jewish Federation of Broward County's Board of Directors.

Much of Mort's time over the past 10 years has been devoted to his involvement at the David Posnack Jewish Community Center. The award that the Center is bestowing on Mort Meyers is surely a reflection of his dedication and hard work. He has been involved with the Center since the dedication of its land site—serving on committees, donating money for camps or program scholarships, maintaining the building itself, and more.

Mr. Speaker, all who know him or know of him will surely agree that Mort Meyers is an extraordinary individual. With his impending acceptance of the Humanitarian of the Year award from the David Posnack Jewish Community Center, I wish to convey a heartfelt congratulations and many thanks to him for his work benefiting the entire South Florida community.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, in my capacity as Co-Chair of the Congressional Coalition on Population and Development, and on behalf of my fellow Co-Chair, Congressman SAWYER, I would like to share with our colleagues the following proclamation, endorsed by 19 of our colleagues, regarding World Population Awareness Week:

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

World population stands today at more than 5.9 billion and increases by more than 80 million per year, with virtually all of this growth in the least developed countries.

A total of 1.3 billion people—more than the combined population of Europe and North Africa—live in absolute poverty on the equivalent of one U.S. dollar or less a day; 1.5 billion people—nearly one-quarter of the world's population—lack an adequate supply of clean drinking water or sanitation; more than 840 million people—one-fifth of the entire population of the developing world—are hungry or malnourished.

Demographic studies and surveys indicate that in the developing world there are at least 120 million married women—and a large but undefined number of unmarried women—who want more control over their fertility but lack access to family planning. This unmet need for family planning is projected to result in 1.2 billion unintended births.

The 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo determined that a combination of political commitment and appropriate programs designed to provide universal access to voluntary family planning information, education and services can ensure world population stabilization at 8 billion or less rather than 12 billion or more.

We, the following members of the United States House of Representatives are pleased to support the week of October 24-31, 1998 as World Population Awareness Week, and urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and to participate appropriately in its observation.

Constance A. Morella, Thomas C. Sawyer, Brad Sherman, Sam Gejdenson, Karen McCarthy, Lloyd Doggett, James P. McGovern, Elizabeth Furse, Maurice D. Hinchey, John Lewis, George E. Brown, Jr., Marcy Kaptur, Jim McDermott, Martin Frost, David E. Price, Benjamin A. Gilman, Nita M. Lowey, Carolyn B. Maloney, Tom Lantos.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Hyde impeachment inquiry resolution. This is a sad day in the history of our Nation when the majority in Congress continues to search for an impeachable crime—in its ongoing political mission—to destroy the President of the United States.

While the American people do not condone the behavior of the President, they do want him to have a fair hearing. The excessive investigation of President Clinton has gone too far, and has gone on far too long.

What is needed is a fair, common sense and responsible inquiry not a continuing witch hunt. The American people and the President and his family deserve better.

So, Mr. Speaker, the matter at hand is not about whether to proceed with an impeachment inquiry. It is about how we should proceed. We must first consider the constitutional